

HOUSE RESOLUTION 235

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kenneth Michael Draffin upon the celebration of the first anniversary of his 50th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those of our colleagues who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Michael Draffin celebrated the first anniversary of his 50th birthday on February 21, 2006, a milestone that deserves to be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ken Draffin was born February 21, 1955, and is a lifelong Memphian; he was a member of the first graduating class of Raleigh Egypt High School in 1973, and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in marketing; and

WHEREAS, from 1977 to 2005, Mr. Draffin served with acumen and alacrity as Manager of Special Products at Wurzburg, Inc., earning the respect of his colleagues and the community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; in 2005, he took a position with Langston Companies, Inc., where he currently serves with distinction as National Sales Manager; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, Ken Draffin has been an active and devout member of Christ United Methodist Church, where he has served on the Administrative Board, taught elementary Sunday School, led the Boys Disciple Group, chaired many third through fifth grade children's retreats, and delivered many children's sermons at morning worship services; he is one of the founders of the Hearts for Adoption ministry, and currently teaches the Protect Our Kids program to new volunteers and leads the young married Sunday School class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draffin is a distinguished member of the Memphis Emmaus Community, currently serving on its Board of Directors; he has also served on the Board of Directors of Christ Methodist Day School and the Board of The Bodine School; and

WHEREAS, he is grateful for the love, companionship, and support of his wife of twenty-two years, Barbara Hughes Battle, to whom he was married on March 24, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Ken and Barbara have been blessed with three children, of whom they are exceedingly proud; Rebecca Lauren, Kenneth Reed, and Anna Caroline Draffin; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Ken Draffin enjoys volunteering and spending time with his family, especially at the beach; their annual vacation spot is beautiful Gulf Shores, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ken Draffin is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize Ken Draffin for his many contributions to his profession, his church, and his community on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Kenneth Michael Draffin on the celebration of the first anniversary of his 50th birthday, honor his myriad accomplishments, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.